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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING INFORMATION AND PRIVACY



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- [ ] A copy of each above-cited application, including the current claims, is enclosed, except those entered in prior application, U.S. Application No. [ ], to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the application, including the current claims.]

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